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AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
Examiner: Peter A. Hruskoci  
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Invention: **DEXTRAN STARCH AND FLOCCULANT COMBINATION FOR IMPROVING RED MUD CLARIFICATION**

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- [ X ] **APPLICANTS herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, for one month from June 12, 2003 to July 12, 2003.** Please charge our deposit account **No. 14-0105** in the amount of **\$110.00** to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.
- [ X ] Applicants herein have added 1 new independent claim. This brings to 3 the total of independent claims in this case. Applicants have previously paid for examination of up to 3 independent claims, so no additional fee is required. If this analysis is incorrect, please charge the requisite fee to our deposit account **No. 14-0105**.

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 12, 2003, Applicants request that the Examiner enter these Amendments and consider these Remarks.